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SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow—Seven new cases of plague and 2 deaths.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, September 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for this station: There have been 7 cases of plague reported since my last report, so that the number now stands at 22. One new case has resulted fatally. These new cases do not represent any new focus of infection. One employee at the hospital has had a mild attack, and this some days after she had been injected with Yersin's serum. The case was, however, very mild. The case that was removed to hospital in a very critical condition died next day.

The general situation, therefore, remains practically unchanged, and, I think, isolated cases may appear occasionally for some time to come. In regard to inoculations, I may say that the Haffkine serum has not been used here because of the reaction which follows. After the use of Yersin's serum there has been a great uniformity in symptoms. There was slight soreness for a day or two, and at the end of eight days there has commonly been some urticaria and less commonly joint pains. A local dermatitis has probably been due to the disinfectant used on the arm.

During the week ended September 15, 7 vessels were inspected, 2 of which were bound for Canadian ports. These vessels carried 662 cabin and 72 steerage passengers and 48 cattlemen. The total of crews inspected was 463. Of the above, 4 cabin passengers were rejected for varicella and 2 of crew for slight elevation of temperature. Ninety pieces of baggage were inspected and 30 disinfected.

Regarding freight, the prohibition of rags and similar articles will greatly injure the business of several firms here. * * * I think an effort will be made to ship this class of articles via another port. They of course can not be shipped to Canada while I am inspecting vessels bound for that country. I may state in this connection that having no instructions regarding what regulations the Canadian Government wished to have enforced, I have treated them exactly as vessels bound for the United States. Regarding freight manifests, I would state that at least 1 line sailing from this port does not prepare a manifest before sailing, the final manifest being made up here and sent by mail. The consul does not sign manifests. I should like to inquire how soon the Canadian official is expected to arrive?

I have just learned that another death has occurred among the plague cases leaving only 21 in hospital.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Vessels from Glasgow bound for American ports.*

[Cablegram.]

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, September 27, 1900.

Sailed to-day, *State of Nebraska*, from Glasgow; *City of Rome*, from Greenock, for New York.

THOMAS.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.